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**NEW HAMPSHIRE MAN SENTENCED FOR CONCORD  
MCDONALD'S ROBBERY**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, New Hampshire Attorney General Peter W. Heed, and Concord Police Chief Jerome K. Madden, today announced that Travis Turcotte, age 24, of Concord, New Hampshire, pled guilty in Merrimack County Superior Court before Judge Kathleen McGuire to Burglary, Robbery and First Degree Assault. Turcotte was also sentenced by the Court to an eighteen (18) year term of imprisonment, which consisted of a 7 ½ - 15 year term of imprisonment on the Robbery conviction, a 7 ½ - 15 year term of imprisonment on the Burglary conviction, and a 3 - 6 year term of imprisonment on the First Degree Assault conviction, all ordered to run consecutively to one another.

The plea and sentencing was based upon the February 6, 2003 robbery by Turcotte and Mitchell Edward of McDonald's restaurant located on Fisherville Road in Concord, New Hampshire. Members of the Concord Police Department responded to the restaurant during the early morning hours of February 6, 2003, after receiving a 911 call from an employee who discovered that the night janitor was inside the restaurant bleeding from the head. Upon entering the restaurant, law enforcement officers discovered that the janitor was lying in a pool of blood next to a back office. Law enforcement also observed that the lock on the safe in the restaurant had been smashed and that pieces of the lock were scattered on the floor. The janitor was taken from the scene and transported to Concord Hospital for treatment of multiple fractures of the face and skull attributed to blunt force trauma.

Although the janitor was severely injured and required numerous emergency surgeries in order to treat his face and skull injuries, he recalled some of the details of the attempted robbery. He indicated that at approximately 3:00 a.m., he took a cigarette break outside the back entrance of the restaurant. While outside, he observed two male individuals, who were later identified as Travis Turcotte and Mitchell Edward, disguised with bandanas over their faces and heads. Turcotte and Edward approached the janitor and forced into the McDonald's. Once inside, Turcotte, who was carrying a bat, struck the janitor on the leg with the bat. The janitor fell from the blow and hit his head on the edge of a metal shelf in the rear of the restaurant. He was then tied up with an electrical extension cord and moved away from the back exit door.

Travis Turcotte proceeded to the area of the McDonald's and located the safe while Mitchell Edward remained with the janitor. Turcotte attempted to breach the safe, but was unsuccessful. Mitchell Edward also attempted to breach the safe, but was also unsuccessful. After remaining in the McDonald's for a brief period of time, the two left without ever entering the safe or obtaining any currency.

Mitchell Edward was charged in United States District Court with Interference with Commerce through the Commission of a Robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951. Edward pled guilty to the violation November 10, 2003, and is scheduled to be sentenced on February 17, 2004. A violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951 provides for a twenty year term of imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

The case was investigated by the Concord, New Hampshire Police Department and prosecuted jointly by Assistant Attorney General David Ruoff and Assistant United States Attorneys Mark Howard and Terry Ollila.

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